



**SEMINOLE COUNTY TRAILS AND GREENWAYS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 26, 2005
Minutes**

Members in attendance:

Ken Holt
Rick Smith
Dan Anderson
Judy Putz
Al Stimac
Andrea Holman
Wiley Dykes
Wally Hill
Mike Martin
Lisa Giltner
Debbie Reimers
Cindy Gennell
Roger Cooper

Staff in attendance:

Jeff Hayes
Mark Lichtenheld
Cindy Matheny

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll call was held.

Mr. Stimac made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24 meeting, seconded by Ms. Putz. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Reports:

BPAC – No report

Natural Lands – Mr. Lichtenheld reported that the County's Natural Lands program is working to acquire a portion of the property adjacent to the Osceola Fish Camp Road trailhead.

Ms. Giltner reported that she is working with Comm. Carey to develop a trailhead at the Lake Jesup Wilderness Area for equestrian users.

FNST – Mr. Hill and Mr. Dykes stated that Kent Wimmer had visited the area regarding the designation of the FNST in the County and outlined the process. Mr. Martin stated that he would bring some FNST brochures to the next meeting. Ms. Giltner asked about an FNST connection to Winter Miles/Shane Kelly park and also about the amount the County had committed towards development of the park.

Bicycle – Mr. Lichtenheld reported that May is Bike Month and that numerous events were being held in the region.

Development Review Committee- Ms. Matheny reported on a recent DRC involving parcels adjacent to the designated trail corridor along the Wekiva River.

Mr. Hill asked about the status of the Wilson's Landing park along the Wekiva River. Mr. Hayes stated that it was recently completed.

The committee members discussed the planned unpaved trail extending west from Markham Road to the Wekiva River. Ms. Giltner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cooper, for staff to draft a letter for the chairman's signature that would recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that the trail segment be identified as a priority, with appropriate signage in the interim stating that the property will in future be an unpaved trail. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hill stated that the FNST chain-saw crew could contribute to the effort to clear the unpaved trail corridor.

Coordination/planning – Ms. Matheny reported on an upcoming trails event June 11 in Volusia County and that Seminole County staff would have a booth at the event.

Ms. Gennell asked who on staff was coordinating with the Central Florida Zoo; she requested a report on this matter.

Mr. Lichtenheld stated that the Office of Greenways and Trails has new brochures on major paved trails. Mr. Martin requested that copies be brought to the next committee meeting. Chairman Anderson suggested that a link to the on-line brochure be provided from the County's website.

Design and construction – Mr. Lichtenheld passed around photographs of ongoing paving on the Cross Seminole Trail (CST) North. He stated that final grading is proceeding on the CST South Phase I.

Ms. Giltner requested information on the location and funding of the CST Red Bug Lake Road bridge.

Mr. Lichtenheld updated the committee on the status of CST South Phases II and III.

Ms. Holman requested information on the status of a directional sign on International Parkway at the I-4 overpass.

Mr. Hayes stated that the Friends of Seminole Trails is working on that project.

Mr. Lichtenheld reported that Kewannee Trail is on schedule.

New Business:

Meeting schedule – The committee discussed the current committee meeting schedule and alternatives. Mr. Stimac made a motion that the committee meet quarterly (May, August, November, February), with 2 additional meetings devoted to field trips (March and October), and special meetings if necessary and the November meeting to be held on the 3rd Thursday. Seconded by Ms. Reimers, the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Anderson presented a certificate of appreciation from the County to Ms. Gennell for her lengthy service on the committee and her commitment to trail development in Seminole County.

Mr. Lichtenheld asked committee members to update their contact information. Mr. Holt asked that an updated list be sent to committee members.

Ms. Giltner described the potential for use of a portion of the Jetta Point property for equestrian parking while the park on the site is in the planning stage.

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Next business meeting: Thursday, August 25, 2005, at 7 p.m. in Room 3024, County Services Building, 1101 East First Street, Sanford, FL 32771.